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SUBJECT: STUDY OF EFFECTS OF DISPERSANTS USED ON OIL SPILL IN MALACCA STRAIT

1. ACCORDING TO NAOKI HIRANO, ASSISTANT HEAD, SAFETY AND POLLUTION DIVISION, MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, GOJ HAS NO PRESENT PLAN TO CONDUCT STUDY OF EFFECTS OF DISPERSANTS BEING USED IN MALACCA STRAIT. DISPERSANTS USED IN MALACCA STRAIT ARE SAME AS THOSE CURRENTLY USED IN THE INLAND SEA OF SETO WHERE OIL SPILL, FAR LARGER IN SCALE THAN IN MALACCA STRAIT, OCCURRED RECENTLY. HIRANO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF A THIRD COUNTRY (SUCH AS US) UNDERTAKES SUCH STUDY, JAPAN WILL COOPERATE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO INLAND SEA, HOWEVER, GOJ DECIDED ON JANUARY 18 TO UNDERTAKE A LARGE-SCALE STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF OIL SPILLS, INCLUDING EFFECTS OF DISPERSANTS, IN FEBRUARY

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AND MARCH.

3. THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE IS UNDERTAKING TO REVIEW
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE TWO RECENT MAJOR OIL SPILLS,
AS SEEN BY
JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE CLEANUP METHODS USED AND
THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. RESULTS OF REVIEW WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN
AVAILABLE.
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